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At President's request chief US military group and I met with him afternoon October 16. Others present were Ministers Defense and Foreign Relations. President gave lengthy review Guatemala-Cuban relations and of his constant anti-Castro position and activities. Then proceeded to state his evaluation of present situation which he felt was extremely grave.

Defense Minister emphasized his view that effective Central American military cooperation at earliest date absolutely essential and said he felt IADB ineffective. He wants Caribbean or Central American defense plan and full military cooperation now.

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Foreign Minister emphasized dangers of Cuba either as source direct attack or of subversion, also psychological effect of a Communist Government in hemisphere as encouragement to left-wing radicals. Further spoke with foreboding of Arevalo and danger he presented to back-door delivery of Guatemala to Communism. President supported this line by saying Guatemala being ground between the stones of Cuba and Arevalo.

I thanked President for meeting and promised inform my government of his offer. He repeated that primary desire was to make clear GOS and his eagerness make what contribution they could.

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